

REMARKS

In response to an acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 4, the features of claim 3 have been introduced into independent claim 1 thereby placing these claims in condition for allowance. Allowance of claim 9 is acknowledged.

In view of the present amendment, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, and 8 under 35 USC 102(b) on the basis of U.S. 4,465,478 to Sabelman, et al. is moot. Further in view of the amendment to claim 1, dependent claim 6 rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) on the basis of Sabelman, et al. in view of U.S. 5,674,205 to Pasricha, et al. has been overcome.

Accordingly, in view of the amendment to the claims, the Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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